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First Named Inventor	Mary M. Ponthan et al.
Art Unit	3721
Examiner Name	Michelle Lopez
Attorney Docket Number	19420/101/101

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

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i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 06/10/2005 TBESH1 00000057 09680817
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iii. Other _____

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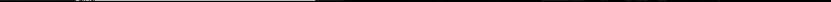
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Signature	<i>Lawrence M. Nawrocki</i>	Date	<i>June 7, 2005</i>
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mary M. Ponthan et al.

Serial No.: 09/680,817

Filing Date: October 5, 2000

For: COMBINATION FLEXIBLE PLANAR ITEM AND CHARACTER

Docket No.: 19420/101/101



Examiner: M. Lopez

Group Art Unit: 3721

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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Dear Sir:

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

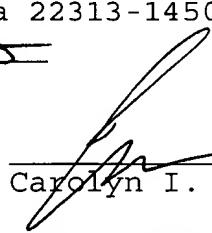
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TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (check appropriate item(s) below):

- i. Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. Payment of the issue fee
 Prior to payment of issue fee

- Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
- iii.
 - Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv.
 - Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
 - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
 - Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- A Preliminary Amendment
- New arguments
- New evidence in support of patentability
- Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

- Small entity (and status is still as small entity)
\$395.00
- Other than a small entity
\$790.00

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b) - (d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee required is \$_____.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for <u>months</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for small <u>entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

Fee: \$ 225.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 225.00

OR

(b) Applicant(s) believe(s) that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that Applicant(s) has/have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE (S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$ 395.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b) - (d))	\$ 0.00
Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a) (1) - (4))	\$ 225.00
 Total Fee(s) Due	\$ 620.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$ 725.00

Charge Account 14-0620 the sum of \$ _____

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.

a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately:

being filed

been filed

DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION

10. A request for deferral of examination accompanies this request for continued examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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By their attorney

Date June 7, 2005

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